

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-15 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-9, 11, and 13-14 have been amended as indicated in the listing below.

Claims 1-15 remain pending and are listed as follows:

1. (Currently amended) In a system comprising a multimedia player application operatively configured to interface with a multimedia navigator program via at least one application programming interface (API), a method comprising:

causing the multimedia player application to identify to the API the availability of a ~~parental level change feature~~ enabling increase of a parental level parameter associated with the multimedia player application after playback of a given instance of media content has begun; and

upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level parameter after playback has begun, causing the multimedia navigator program to pause playback of the media content, and blocking playback of ~~corresponding the~~ media content until the multimedia player application indicates that ~~the it accepts~~ an appropriate requested parental level parameter has been increased so as to enable playback of the media content.

1           2.     (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the media  
2 content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.

3           3.     (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the  
4 multimedia player application presents a user interface seeking authority to set the  
5 appropriate parental level while the media content is paused after playback of the  
6 media content has begun.

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8           4.     (Currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein  
9 upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after playback of the media  
10 content has begun, the paused media content continues playback without ~~restarting~~  
11 ~~from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the media content.

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13           5.     (Original) The medium as recited in Claim 1, wherein the media  
14 content includes selectable multiple segments, each being associated with a  
15 parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is configured to  
16 suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering multiple segments during  
17 playback to the multimedia player application.

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19           6.     (Currently amended) In a system comprising a multimedia player  
20 application operatively configured to interface with a multimedia navigator  
21 program via at least one application programming interface (API), a computer-  
22 readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps  
23 comprising:  
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1 causing the multimedia player application to identify to the API the  
2 availability of a ~~parental level change~~ feature enabling increase of a parental level  
3 parameter associated with the multimedia player application after playback of a  
4 given instance of media content has begun; and

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6 upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level  
7 parameter after playback has begun, causing the multimedia navigator program to  
8 pause playback of the media content, and blocking playback of ~~corresponding~~the  
9 media content until the multimedia player application indicates that it accepts the  
10 requested parental level.

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12 7. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 6,  
13 wherein the media content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.

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15 8. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in  
16 Claim 6, wherein the multimedia player application presents a user interface  
17 seeking authority to set the appropriate parental level while the media content is  
18 paused after playback of the media content has begun.

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20 9. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in  
21 Claim 6, wherein upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after  
22 playback of the media content has begun, the paused media content continues  
23 playback without ~~restarting from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the  
24 media content.  
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1           10.   (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 6,  
2 wherein the media content includes selectable multiple segments, each being  
3 associated with a parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is  
4 configured to suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering the segment  
5 during playback to the multimedia player application.

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7           11.   (Currently amended) A system comprising:

8           a multimedia player application;

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10          a multimedia navigator program; and

11          at least one application programming interface (API) configured to  
12 operatively interface the multimedia player application with the multimedia  
13 navigator program, and wherein the multimedia player application is configured to  
14 identify to the API the availability of a ~~parental level change~~ feature enabling  
15 increase of a parental level parameter associated with the multimedia player  
16 application after playback of a given instance of media content has begun, and  
17 upon finding a need for a ~~parental level change~~ of the parental level parameter  
18 after playback has begun, the multimedia navigator program pauses and blocks  
19 playback of corresponding media content until the multimedia player application  
20 indicates that it accepts the requested parental level.

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23           12.   (Original) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the media  
24 content includes digital versatile disc (DVD) formatted content.  
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13. (Currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the multimedia player application presents a user interface seeking authority to set the appropriate parental level while the media content is paused after playback of the media content has begun.

14. (Currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein upon the acceptance of the appropriate parental level after playback of the media content has begun, the paused media content continues playback without ~~restarting~~ ~~from~~ replaying a previously played portion of the media content.

15. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein the media content includes selectable multiple segments, each being associated with a parental level, and wherein the multimedia navigator program is configured to suggest an appropriate segment upon encountering the segment during playback to the multimedia player application.